

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An X-ray computed tomography apparatus,
comprising:

an X-ray source that radiates an X-ray to an
5 object;

an X-ray detection device that converts the X-
ray passing through the object into X-ray detection
image data;

at least one X-ray shield located between a
10 focal point of the X-ray source and the X-ray
detection device;

control means for performing control so as to
relatively move the X-ray source and the object;

scattered line removing means for calculating a
15 scattered X-ray data component corresponding to a
scattered X-ray component from X-ray detection image
data corresponding to a region in which a first-order
X-ray is shielded by the X-ray shield and calculating
a first-order X-ray image data obtained by removing
20 the scattered X-ray component from the X-ray
detection image data;

complementing means for calculating complemented
image data from the first-order X-ray image data by
complementing a part of the first-order X-ray image
25 data corresponding to the region in which the first-
order X-ray is shielded; and

rearranging means for rearranging an image by

reversely projecting the complement image data,

wherein the complementing means complements the part of the first-order X-ray image data obtained by shielding the first-order X-ray, corresponding to an
5 X-ray path connecting the focal point of the X-ray source with the X-ray shield by using another part of the first-order X-ray image data obtained by the first-order X-ray in non-shield state, corresponding to an X-ray path in a 180-degree opposite direction
10 to the X-ray path connecting the focal point of the X-ray source with the X-ray shield.

2. An X-ray computed tomography apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the X-ray shields are
15 asymmetrically arranged with respect to a plane including the focal point of the X-ray source and a rotation axis about which the object and the X-ray source are relatively rotated.

20 3. An X-ray computed tomography apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the X-ray shield is located between the X-ray source and the object.

25 4. An X-ray computed tomography apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the X-ray detection device includes pixels arranged in two-dimensional matrix.

5. An X-ray computed tomography apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the relative movement between the X-ray source and the object is a helical movement.

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6. An X-ray computed tomography apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the X-ray path in the 180-degree opposite direction is not existent, the complementing means complements the process image based on image data obtained by converting an X-ray radiated along an X-ray path closest to the X-ray path in the 180-degree opposite direction.

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